

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MAYOR

- *1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Open House Planned On Safety Improvements At Van Dorn Intersections With 9th And 10th Streets -(See Release)
- *2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will kick off the Folsom Children's Zoo's 40th anniversary celebration at a news conference at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 21 at the Zoo - (See Advisory)
- *3. Washington Report - July 15, 2005.
- 4. Washington Report - July 22, 2005.

II. DIRECTORS

BUILDING & SAFETY

- 1. Letter & Brochure from Mike Merwick - RE: As a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) the City of Lincoln has the opportunity to reduce insurance rates for its citizens by completing certain activities identified by the Community Rating System (CRS) Task Force- (See Attached Letter)(Copy of Brochure on file in the City Council Office)

FINANCE/BUDGET

- *1. Reports from Steve Hubka - RE: July Sales Tax Receipts -(See Material)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT/CITY TREASURER

- 1. Monthly City Cash Report - City of Lincoln-Pledged Collateral Statement - June 2005.

HEALTH

- *1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: The Dangers Of Heat Stroke -(See Release)

PLANNING

- *1. Material from Marvin Krout - RE: Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Updates - (See Material)

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

- *1. Special Permit #692M (Amendment to the Tabitha New Community 3rd Addition Community Unit Plan) Resolution No. PC-00939.
- *2. Special Permit #05034 (16th and South Streets) Resolution No. PC-00940.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

- 1. Information - RE: 9th/10th & Van Dorn St. Safety Project in response to Robin Eschliman's e-mail of July 15th - (See Material)
- 2. Public Works & Utilities ADVISORY - RE: Storm Sewer Project #701678 - 12th Street; Charleston - Court -(See Advisory)

STARTRAN

- *1. Response Letter from Larry Worth to Charles Swingle - RE: Expressed concern as to the need to post StarTran route/schedule information proximate to the 11th & "N" Streets bus stop-(See Letter)

III. CITY CLERK

- 1. Faxed Letter from Cindy Swanson, Proprietor Library Lounge sent to Council Office by City Clerk Joan Ross - RE: Bill #05R-163 -(Council received copies of this Letter on 7/25/05, before formal Council Meeting)(See Letter)

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JONATHAN COOK

1. Request to Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director/Bruce Dart, Health Director - RE: Clean up after your dog signs - (RFI#125 - 7/28/05).

COUNCIL - RFI'S

1. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: Salt Creek Floodplain segment of South Beltway - (RFI#1 - 6/28/05). — **[NOTE: 1.) Received response from Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Public Works & Utilities Department on Council RFI#1-7/18/05-listed & response attached on the Directors' Addendum for July 18th.]**
2. Request to ~~Urban Development Department~~ - RE: The Kinder-Care at 17th & South-BryanLGH/West not renewing their contract - (RFI#4 - 6/28/05). — **1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM ERNESTO CASTILLO, URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#4 - 7/26/05.**

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

1. Request to Mark Bowen, Mayor's Office - RE: Weekly updates to the City Council on the status of ITI - (RFI#1 - 7/07/05)

ANNETTE McROY

1. Request to Karl Fredrickson, Public Works & Utilities Director/Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: A Divided City - (RFI#166 - 7/21/05)

PATTE NEWMAN

1. Request to Karl Fredrickson, Public Works & Utilities Director/~~Police Chief Tom Casady~~ - RE: Please provide the crash data for the intersection of 44th & Cleveland - (RFI#36 - 7/25/05) — **1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM POLICE CHIEF TOM CASADY RECEIVED ON RFI#36 - 7/25/05.**

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. Letter from Richard Esquivel - RE: Strong opponent to the suggested wheel tax for the City/County - (See Letter)
- *2. E-Mail from Pamela Grieser - RE: The smoking ban -(See E-Mail)
- *3. Letter from Billy Vogel - RE: The intersections of 70th & Hwy. 2 & 70th & Pine Lake - (See Letter)
- *4. Letter from Stu Miller, State Department of Economic Development - RE: During 2005 session, The Nebraska Legislature passed the Nebraska Opportunity Zone Act, LB 546 -(See Material)
- *5. Material from Larry Maresh, Deputy Director for Administration, Lincoln Airport Authority - RE: Resolution #462 - (See Material)
- 6. Letter from Toby D. Fierstein, State Department of Roads - RE: Lincoln South Beltway West Segment -(See Letter)
- 7. Letter from Senator Pam Brown - RE: In recognition of the potential of the Interstate 80 Corridor, this year I introduced and the Legislature passed LB 546, a bill which established the Nebraska Opportunity Zone Act and authorizes the Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission. -(See Letter)
- 8. E-Mail from Sandi & Bob Ellenwood - RE: Reconsider your decision to drop funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band concerts in the park-(See E-Mail)
- 9. E-Mail from Dave & Mary Brady - RE: Wal-Mart saga -(See E-Mail)
- 10. E-Mail from Janet Greser - RE: Funds for the free concerts at Antelope Park -(See E-Mail)
- 11. E-Mail from Jodi Delozier - RE: Water/sewer rate hikes -(See E-Mail)
- 12. E-Mail from John Ferrin - RE: Concerned about the water pressure provided to the Highlands neighborhood is less than adequate -(See E-Mail)

13. Material from Michelle Waite-Chair, Downtown Lincoln Association & Polly McMullen, President, Downtown Lincoln Association - RE: DLA's Position Statement on the proposed parking rate increases in 2005-06 City Budget-(See Material)
14. E-Mail from Brenda Potratz - RE: The smoking ban in Lincoln - (See E-Mail)
15. E-Mail from Dan Bare - RE: Construction of a sidewalk along NW 1st Street -(See E-Mail)
16. Letter from Bruce J. Bohrer, Senior Vice President, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce - RE: Writing to urge your support for the proposed water and waste water rate increases -(See Letter)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM JULY 25, 2005.**

WASHINGTON REPORT

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Washington Report

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SENATE PANEL CUTS CDBG FURTHER THAN HOUSE

HOUSING AND CD

Senate recommends CDBG cut in FY 2006 that exceeds the House. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the FY 2006 budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development this week, clearing the measure (which also funds the Departments of Transportation and Treasury) for the Senate floor.

In a surprise move, the panel would fund the formula portion of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program at \$3.774 billion, a level that is not only below FY 2005 levels by \$342 million, but also \$103 million below the amount recommended by the House last month. Traditionally, the Senate has offered a higher number for CDBG than the House. And, while the committee all but closed the door for this year on the proposal to move the CDBG program funding to the Commerce Department, its actions virtually ensure that the program will receive a significant cut in FY 2006.

Section 8 tenant-based assistance would receive \$15.6 billion, an \$870 million increase over FY 2005 and \$100 million more than the House. Section 8 project-based assistance would receive \$5.1 billion, a \$226 million reduction from FY 2005 and the same level as the House. The public housing operating fund would be boosted by \$969 million to \$3.4 billion, the same as the House, while public housing capital assistance would be funded at \$2.3 billion in FY 2006, a \$252 million decrease from the previous year and the same as recommended by the House.

Homeless assistance programs would receive \$1.415 billion in the Senate measure, and increase of \$174 million from FY 2005 and \$75 million more than the House. The Senate

would restore \$100 million in FY 2006 to the HOPE VI severely distressed public housing program, which received \$143 million in FY 2005 and the House slated for elimination.

Programs that were funded at or very near their FY 2005 levels by both the House last month and Senate Appropriations Committee this week include:

- \$1.9 billion for the HOME program
- \$742 million for Section 202 Elderly Housing
- \$240 million for Section 811 Disabled Housing
- \$282 million for Housing Assistance for Persons with AIDS

In addition, an amendment to the measure was offered by Subcommittee Chairman Kit Bond (R-MO), and then withdrawn, that would have prohibited funds in the bill from being used for development of an area that was seized through eminent domain. The language, a response to the recent Supreme Court decision on eminent domain, is similar to an amendment added to the House FY 2006 HUD spending bill, and Bond plans on introducing the amendment again when the bill reaches the Senate floor.

TRANSPORTATION

TEA-21 law gets a ninth and tenth extension, while a Senate panel approves FY 2006 DOT spending. Congress this week extended the 1998 TEA-21 law twice, the first a two-day extension that expired Thursday and when that was not enough, Members gave themselves until July 27 to come up with a multi-year reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs.

House and Senate conferees continue to be held up over the issue of a guaranteed minimum return on a states' gas tax

contributions. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-TX) continues to hold out for a 92 percent return that would begin immediately, while the current offer on the table would gradually increase the minimum so that all states reach at least 92 percent by 2009. Conferees are probably frustrated by DeLay's insistence on the issue because, under the current confines of a six-year, \$286.5 billion measure, the only way that "donor" states can get an immediate return of 92 percent would be to take funds away from "donee" states, a prospect that would not have much support in either chamber.

Another reported holdup to the bill is language in the transit section of the bill that would require public transit agencies that are contracting out some of their operations to honor collective bargaining agreements with their employees. Conferees also may be debating the percentage of the bill that would be dedicated to transit, and advocates of public transit are urging that the traditional 80%-20% split between highways and transit be maintained, while current negotiations has the transit share at 18.6 percent.

Conference talks will continue through next week, with leader hoping to have a measure that is ready for the President before Congress adjourns for a month-long recess next Friday.

Meanwhile, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the FY 2006 spending bill that funds the Department of Transportation. Selected funding recommendations are as follows:

- \$4.35 billion for transit formula grants (+\$354m: FY05; -\$63m: House)
- \$1.37 billion for New Start rail projects (-\$51m: FY05; -\$175m: House)
- \$1.31 billion for fixed rail modernization (+\$103m: FY05; -\$79m: House)
- \$797 million for bus and bus facilities (+\$127m: FY05; +\$104m: House)
- \$1.45 billion for Amtrak (+\$250m: FY05; +\$250m: House)

- \$3.5 billion for the Airport Improvement Program (+\$500m: FY05; same as House)
- \$40.2 billion for the federal-aid highway program (+\$5.1b: FY05; +\$3.2b: House)

ENERGY

Energy bill conferees to work through the weekend. House and Senate negotiators are pushing hard to meet the August 1 deadline set by President Bush and finalize a comprehensive energy bill. As conferees work to reconcile some of the less controversial items, the ultimate success of the effort will rely on whether the issue of liability for producers of the gasoline additive MTBE can be resolved.

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Joe Barton (R-TX) was scheduled to meet with the other Republican and Democratic leaders of the conference committee today to outline the details of an MTBE deal that he has reportedly been working on for weeks. Reports are that liability protection would be granted to MTBE producers in exchange for a trust fund of several billion dollars to clean up spills that have polluted groundwater supplies around the country. Local government organizations continue to be left out of those negotiations and continue to urge Congress to reject any deal that does not sufficiently address the high costs of cleaning up contaminated water supplies.

Meanwhile, staff prepare for a rare Sunday conference meeting followed by what they hope will be a final meeting on Monday to debate key outstanding issues including: oil and gas provisions, climate change, a renewable portfolio standard, the ethanol mandate and alternative fuels, and MTBE. Barton has indicated that he would like the conference report to be completed by Tuesday July 26 so that both chambers could debate it and send it to the President prior to Friday's target adjournment date.

The bulk of yesterday's nearly eight-hour public debate was spent hashing out provisions of the electricity title of the

bill, although no final decisions were made on a renewable portfolio standard or the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act (PUHCA). There was considerable debate surrounding two proposals by Rep. John Shadegg (R-AZ) concerning eminent domain. Shadegg expressed concern with the manner in which landowners are compensated for their land, and conferees ultimately approved language stating that rights-of-way acquired for transmission grid projects cannot be used for any other purposes. The conference also approved Shadegg's amendment granting expedited access for utilities and transmission owners to their facilities that are located on federal lands if access is necessary to comply with new federal reliability standards.

PATRIOT ACT

House and Senate Judiciary Committee approve competing versions of Patriot Act reauthorization. Congress moved this week to reauthorize 16 expiring provisions of the 2001 anti-terrorism law known as the Patriot Act, with the Senate Judiciary Committee imposing more limitations on the controversial law than its House counterpart.

The full House approved its bill (HR 3199) by a 257-171 margin, and the measure would permanently extend 14 of the 16 expiring provisions, while imposing a 10-year sunset on the section that allows the federal government to use roving wiretaps on suspected terrorists and the section that allows for court-approved searches of "tangible" items, such as business records, in terrorism cases. The Senate Judiciary committee cleared its bill (S 1389) on an 18-0 vote, placing a four-year sunset on those two provisions while permanently extending the other 14.

Both the House and Senate bills include a provision that would require the approval of the FBI Director for requests of library and bookstore records under the Patriot Act. The two measures also include language that would prevent authorities from delaying notification to subjects of "sneak and peek" home searches. Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) successfully introduced amendments during House floor debate to include

these provisions in the House bill, while the version introduced by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter (R-PA) included the language already.

It is not likely that the Senate will consider its bill on the floor before the start of the August congressional recess next Friday. The White House issued a statement this week in support of the House bill, although the President has been pushing for a permanent extension of all 16 provisions.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Senate Committee approves legislation to help local governments upgrade water infrastructure. In an effort to ease the burden of municipalities facing aging water infrastructure, Senator Lincoln Chafee (R-RI), chairman of the Environment Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Water, sponsored the "Water Infrastructure Financing Act" (S 1400). This week, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved the bill by voice vote.

The bill would establish new critical water infrastructure grants at the Environmental Protection Agency for water quality improvement to comply with the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. Each would be authorized at \$300 million annually from FY 2006 through FY 2010.

The legislation also would reauthorize the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund at \$3.2 billion in FY 2006 and up to \$6 billion in FY 2010 and the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund at \$1.5 billion in FY 2006, growing to \$6 billion in FY 2010.

The committee adopted amendments sponsored by Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) that require workers on projects receiving federal funds to be paid no less than other workers doing similar work in the locality. Chairman James Inhofe (R-OK), however, opposes the amendments and expects them to be removed on the floor. An amendment by Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) that would have required the U.S. Geological Survey to conduct a study of perchlorate contamination nationwide was defeated.

Meanwhile, in their FY 2006 EPA appropriations bills, the House and the

Senate have recommended \$850 million and \$1.1 billion respectively for the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund and \$850 million in both Houses for the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund.

The bill has not been scheduled for floor action in the Senate, and there is currently no House companion bill.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Department of Homeland Security establishes new Assistant Secretary for Grants and Training. Following an examination of the Department's programs and structure in a process known as the Second Stage Review, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) this week announced a six-point agenda to realign agency operations.

Among the changes, DHS will consolidate the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness with other aspects of preparedness, training, citizen awareness, public health, and infrastructure security into a new Directorate of Preparedness. A new Assistant Secretary for Grants and Training will report to the Under Secretary for Preparedness, who will head the Directorate.

The changes also include a new Directorate of Policy to coordinate regulations, initiatives, and policy within DHS and a new Office of Intelligence and Analysis to ensure, among other things, that information is disseminated to state and local officials. Additionally, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will now report directly to the Secretary and will focus exclusively on disaster response and recovery.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Department of Health and Human Services, July 19: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration published a preview of their anticipated grant funding opportunities for FY 2006 based on the President's budget request. A copy of the preview including targeted publication dates, total program funding, expected amount of awards and eligible applicants can be accessed at:

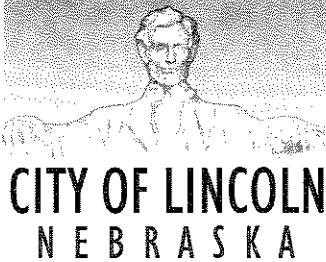
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/19jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-14163.pdf>. In accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services' management objectives, notifications of these grants will no longer appear in the *Federal Register*, but will be announced on the SAMSHA and grants.gov websites.

Department of Commerce: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has announced funding for its Automated Flood Warning Systems Program. The purpose of this program is to reduce loss of life and property damage in communities with flood and flash flood problems, and to increase the lead time for disaster preparedness. Total program funding is estimated at \$500,000 for the 10 awards. State and local governments are eligible to apply. Applications are due October 27, 2005. For more information, please see:

www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/DOC/N/OAA/GMC/11450AFWS071404/Grant.html.

Publication, Department of Justice: Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced access to the National Sex Offender Public Registry Website, which includes searchable nation-wide sex offender data. States are encouraged to link their public registries at no cost. The site functions through a search option, which searches the various linked registries for information. Please see <http://www.nsopr.gov/>.

Publication, Elections Assistance Commission: The Commission has published the *Voluntary Voting System Guidelines* to assist state and local election officials in complying with the Help America Vote Act. The guidelines are designed to help officials in determining whether their voting systems are in compliance, although there is no requirement that officials use the guide as the basis of their standards. The Commission will be accepting comments on the guidelines until September 30, after which the Commission will publish the final version. To access the guidelines, see: www.glynn.com/eac_vvsg/intro.asp.



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July 27, 2005

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Councilperson Ken Svoboda
City Council Office
County City Building
555 S. 10th St, Room 111
Lincoln NE 68508

Dear Ken Svoboda,

As a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) the City of Lincoln has the opportunity to reduce insurance rates for its citizens by completing certain activities identified by the Community Rating System (CRS) Task Force. Outreach projects to people who own property in the floodplain is an example of one of the activities completed by the City of Lincoln to maintain our current CRS rating. Enclosed is a copy of an annual mailing prepared by the Department of Building and Safety with the help of the Citizen Information Center which we will distribute to all owners of property in or near a flood plain or flood prone area later this month.

The current CRS class rating for the City of Lincoln is 7. As a class 7, community flood insurance policy holders who qualify receive a 15% reduction in insurance rates.

Sincerely,

Michael Merwick
Director
Department of Building & Safety

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KREKMC

OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

JULY 26, 2005

TO: MAYOR COLEEN SENG & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business June 30, 2005:

Balance Forward	\$	\$225,342,805.44
Plus Total Debits June 1 - 30, 2005	\$	\$39,786,771.29
Less Total Credits June 1 - 30, 2005	\$	(\$37,632,422.29)
Cash Balance on June 30, 2005	\$	\$227,497,154.44

I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.	\$	\$406,255.41
Wells Fargo Bank	\$	\$40,788.53
Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account	\$	(\$5,146.33)
Cornhusker Bank	\$	\$35,124.23
Pinnacle Bank	\$	\$52,029.98
Union Bank & Trust Company	\$	\$159,335.76
West Gate Bank	\$	\$23,215.34
Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool	\$	\$38,045,537.42
Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool	\$	\$188,508,143.89
Cash, Checks and Warrants	\$	\$231,870.21
Total Cash on Hand June 30, 2005	\$	\$227,497,154.44

The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of \$33,346,191.18 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

ATTEST:

Joan E. Ross
Joan E. Ross, City Clerk



Melinda J. Jones
Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer

CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT

JUNE 2005

DESCRIPTION	CUSIP	MATURITY DATE	ORIGINAL FACE	CURRENT PAR	MARKET PRICE	MARKET VALUE
FHLMC FGLMC D67795	3128F7UU6	12/01/09	\$1,191,991.00	\$82,344.45	1.07	\$87,964.88
FHLMC FGTH C90689	31335HXS7	07/01/23	\$11,150,000.00	\$9,480,612.08	0.99	\$9,362,303.52
FNMA FNARM 303824	31373UPH4	07/01/25	\$1,600,000.00	\$53,457.31	1.03	\$54,814.28
FNMA FNCL 538363	31385AB89	04/01/30	\$550,000.00	\$61,676.85	1.08	\$66,371.56
FNMA FNCL 254725	31371K4J7	05/01/33	\$500,000.00	\$377,490.75	1.00	\$377,850.83
FNMA FNCL 682970	31400BW77	02/01/18	\$7,100,000.00	\$4,472,452.59	1.00	\$4,456,337.90
GNMA-2 G2JO 3156	36202DQH7	11/20/16	\$2,550,000.00	\$811,757.11	1.03	\$836,453.11
GNMA-2 G2JO 3194	36202DRP8	02/20/17	\$4,130,000.00	\$1,672,822.63	1.03	\$1,723,361.78
FNMA FNCL 254592	31371KXV8	12/01/32	\$3,100,000.00	\$2,022,482.53	1.00	\$2,025,105.69
FNMA POOL 725772	31402DJR2	09/01/34	\$8,500,000.00	\$7,785,810.37	1.00	\$7,790,652.36
FNMA FNARM 768922	31404HG78	06/01/34	\$4,400,000.00	\$4,098,735.48	0.98	\$4,027,478.96
USBANK NE		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$44,771,991.00	\$30,919,642.15		\$30,808,694.87
FNCL 535771 6.00%	31384WFL9	02/01/31	\$8,200,000.00	\$1,155,618.05		\$1,185,491.21
FNCL 729001 5.50%	31402G3J0	08/01/33	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,485,795.08		\$1,500,803.44
FNCL 759855 5.50%	31403WE45	02/01/34	\$1,250,000.00	\$968,252.84		\$976,971.73
FNCL 773591 5.50%	31404NNG7	07/01/34	\$11,600,000.00	\$9,590,350.81		\$9,675,338.01
FNCL 555285 6.00%	31385W2S7	03/01/33	\$17,005,000.00	\$4,720,609.26		\$4,833,303.61
FNCL 255047 5.5%	31371LHY8	12/01/23	\$350,000.00	\$255,174.57		\$259,045.44
FNCL 725610 5.50%	31402DDP2	06/01/34	\$4,160,000.00	\$3,437,478.64		\$3,467,940.68
FNCL 666295 6.00%	31391GGC4	11/01/32	\$8,650,000.00	\$1,326,184.78		\$1,357,844.58
FNCL 545277 6.00%	31385HXE7	11/01/31	\$5,400,000.00	\$740,103.80		\$758,256.16
FNCL 615057 6.00%	31388UJA9	01/01/32	\$5,000,000.00	\$1,088,015.85		\$1,114,701.36
FNCL 622169 6.00%	31389DFJ1	12/01/31	\$2,200,000.00	\$345,902.94		\$354,386.82
GNSF 781210 6.50%	36225BKK5	09/15/29	\$8,700,000.00	\$931,547.19		\$975,233.50
FNCL 323715 6%	31374TSC4	05/01/29	\$10,500,000.00	\$1,362,284.49		\$1,397,500.06
FNCL 323605 6.50%	31374TNW5	03/01/29	\$2,400,000.00	\$191,897.42		\$199,195.37
G2SF 3274 6.50%	36202DT76	06/20/32	\$30,800,000.00	\$4,634,227.44		\$4,826,197.95
WELLS FARGO BANK NE		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$118,265,000.00	\$32,233,443.16		\$32,882,209.92
FHLB 4.00	3133XAT56	03/10/08	\$250,000.00			
UNION BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$250,000.00			
FHLB BOND 3.05%	3133X4X63	03/28/07	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00		
FNMA POOL #253819	31371J4C5	05/01/11	\$1,025,000.00	\$995,861.61		
CORNHUSKER BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$4,025,000.00	\$3,995,861.61		
FHLB STEP UP 2.4%	31339XUE2	01/09/09	\$2,000,000.00			
FHLB STEP-UP 2.125%	31339YDB5	07/23/09	\$2,000,000.00			
FHLB STEP UP 2.25%	31339XM43	06/30/08	\$2,000,000.00			
WEST GATE BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$6,000,000.00			
FHLBANK TOPEKA LOC	LOC #6588	03/24/06	\$2,100,000.00			
FHLBANK TOPEKA LOC	LOC #6583	03/23/06	\$2,000,000.00			
TIER ONE BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$4,100,000.00			

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 18, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kris Humphrey, Engineering Services, 441-7711

Scott Cockrill, Engineering Services, 441-7711

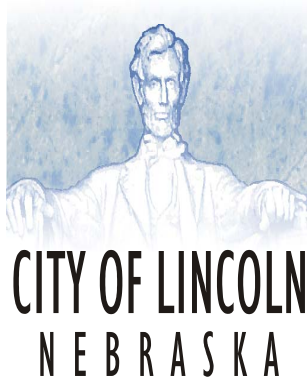
**OPEN HOUSE PLANNED ON SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
AT VAN DORN INTERSECTIONS WITH 9TH AND 10TH STREETS**

The public is invited to an open house on a safety improvement project at the intersections of Van Dorn Boulevard with 9th Street (one-way south) and 10th Street (one-way north). The meeting is set for 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 at the enclosed, air-conditioned shelter in Van Dorn Park on the southwest corner of 9th and Van Dorn. Parking is available adjacent to the shelter.

There have been a significant number of crashes involving vehicles headed north on 10th Street and turning west at Van Dorn. The project will create two left-turn lanes for the northbound traffic. Engineers expect the project to reduce crashes at this location by half.

Those attending the open house will be able to view the conceptual design, offer written comments and speak with project representatives.

This safety project is eligible to receive 80-percent federal safety funding, with 10-percent state and local funding matches. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in late spring 2006.



PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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July 12, 2005

9th/10th/Van Dorn Intersection - Project 702186

The City of Lincoln, Department of Public Works would like to take this opportunity to invite you to an open house regarding the 9th/10th/Van Dorn Intersection Project.

On Tuesday, July 26, 2005 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Dorn Park Shelter located on the southwest corner of the 9th and Van Dorn intersection, Engineers from the Public Works Department will be available to answer questions about the proposed project that will create two new northbound to westbound left turn lanes, other minor geometric improvements, signal modifications, and sidewalk construction.

Members of the public may attend anytime it is convenient between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and will be able to get information and provide input for the project which is currently only conceptually designed.

This project is proposed in an effort to eliminate northbound to westbound left turn crashes at the 10th and Van Dorn intersection by constructing two left turn lanes that will replace the existing single left turn lane at 10th and Van Dorn. This will improve vehicular safety and operations by reducing total crashes at the intersection. The project is proposed as a safety project which is eligible for 80% federal safety funding with 10% state funding and 10% local funding matches.

If you cannot attend the open house and have questions, please contact the project representatives listed below.

Kris Humphrey
City of Lincoln, Engineering Services
(402) 441-7711

Scott Cockrill
City of Lincoln, Engineering Services
(402) 441-7711

S. 9TH STREET / S. 10TH STREET AND VAN DORN STREET INTERSECTION SAFETY PROJECT

City of Lincoln, Public Works & Utilities, Engineering Services 2005

The City of Lincoln in collaboration with the Nebraska Dept. of Roads (NDOR) proposes to design and construct intersection countermeasures to improve safety, mobility and security of our motoring public by adding two dedicated left-turn lanes, north bound to west bound and eliminating the existing north bound left-turn movement at 10th and Van Dorn St. Currently, this intersection is experiencing a significant number of crashes as a result of the north bound to west bound left-turning vehicles. **A 50% reduction in crashes is anticipated after implementation of this project at both 9th and 10th and Van Dorn St. intersections.**

Data and History

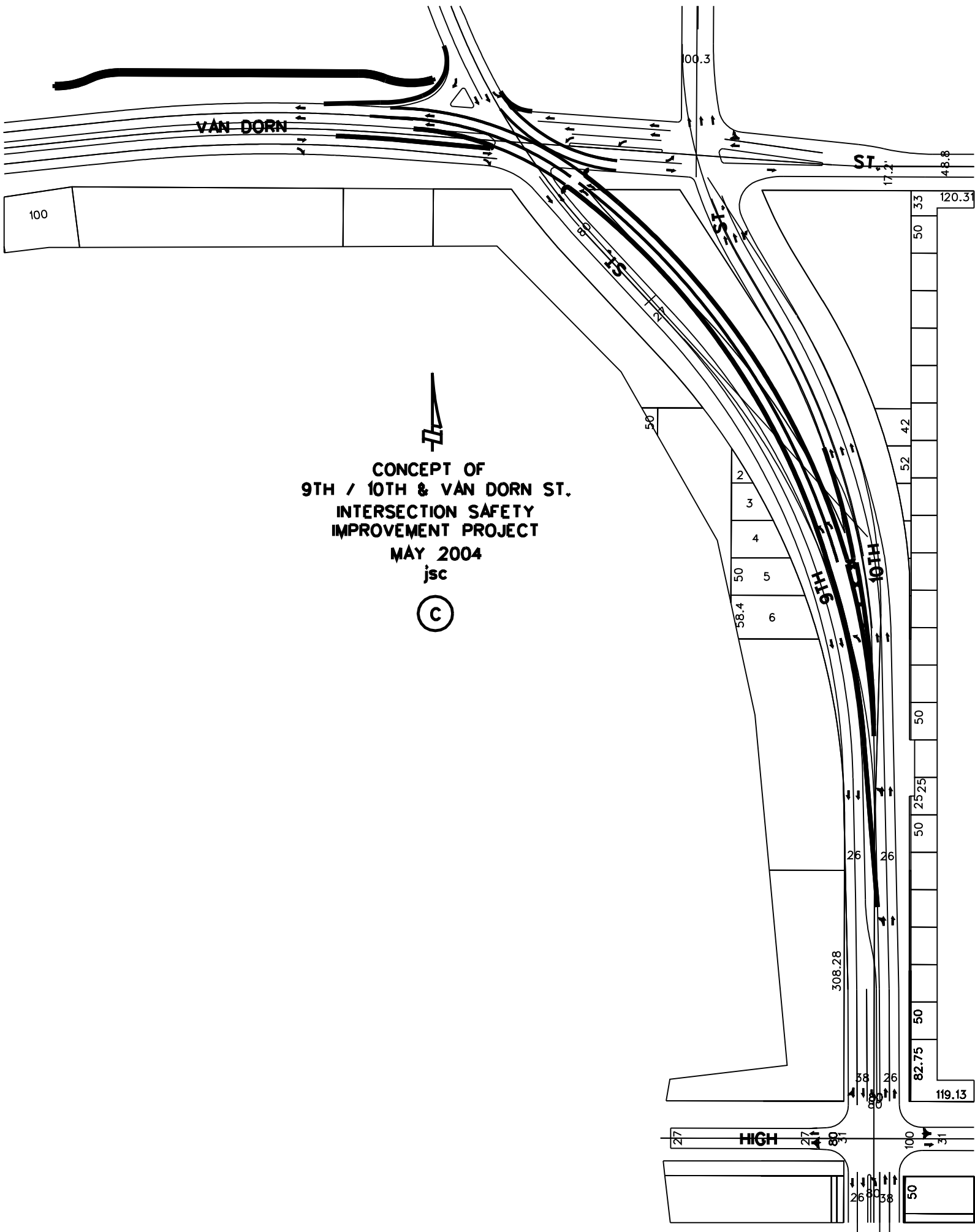
- > **Current Entering Vehicles (24 hours) = 43,400 (9th & 10th & Van Dorn)**
- > **Future 2025 Entering Vehicles (24 hours) = 67,300 (9th & 10th & Van Dorn)**
- > **10th and Van Dorn three year 2001 - 2003 Crash Totals = 48 (Cost = \$821,100)**
- > **9th and Van Dorn three year 2001 - 2003 Crash Totals = 38 (Cost = \$881,600)**
- > **Trucks entering west bound 9th & Van Dorn = 23.8% (Noon Peak Hour)**
- > **Trucks entering north bound 10th & Van Dorn = 12% (Noon Peak Hour)**

Design & Implementation

- > **Construct Dedicated north bound Dual-Left Turn Lanes at 9th and Van Dorn St. replacing the existing left-turns at 10th and Van Dorn St.
(See Conceptual drawing on the back of this sheet)**
- > **Reconstruct the existing Traffic Control Signal System to function with the new intersection geometry, upgrade the system to meet current standards, and introduce ITS applications to the intersections.**
- > **Construct a sidewalk at the northwest corner of 9th and Van Dorn St. to connect to the existing north / south Pedestrian / Bicycle under crossing, west of 9th St., that leads to Van Dorn Park.**

Project Estimate (Based on the Conceptual Design)

- > **Total Estimated Project Cost = \$550,654 (\$475,267-Construction, \$75,387-Design)**
- > **Anticipated Federal Safety Funds = \$380,214 (80% of Construction)**
- > **Anticipated State Funds = \$85,220 (10% of Construction, 50% of Design)**
- > **Anticipated Local Funds = \$85,220 (10% of Construction, 50% of Design)**
- > **Anticipated Annual Benefit = \$300,000**





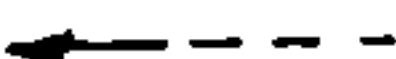








CONCEPT OF
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INTERSECTION SAFETY
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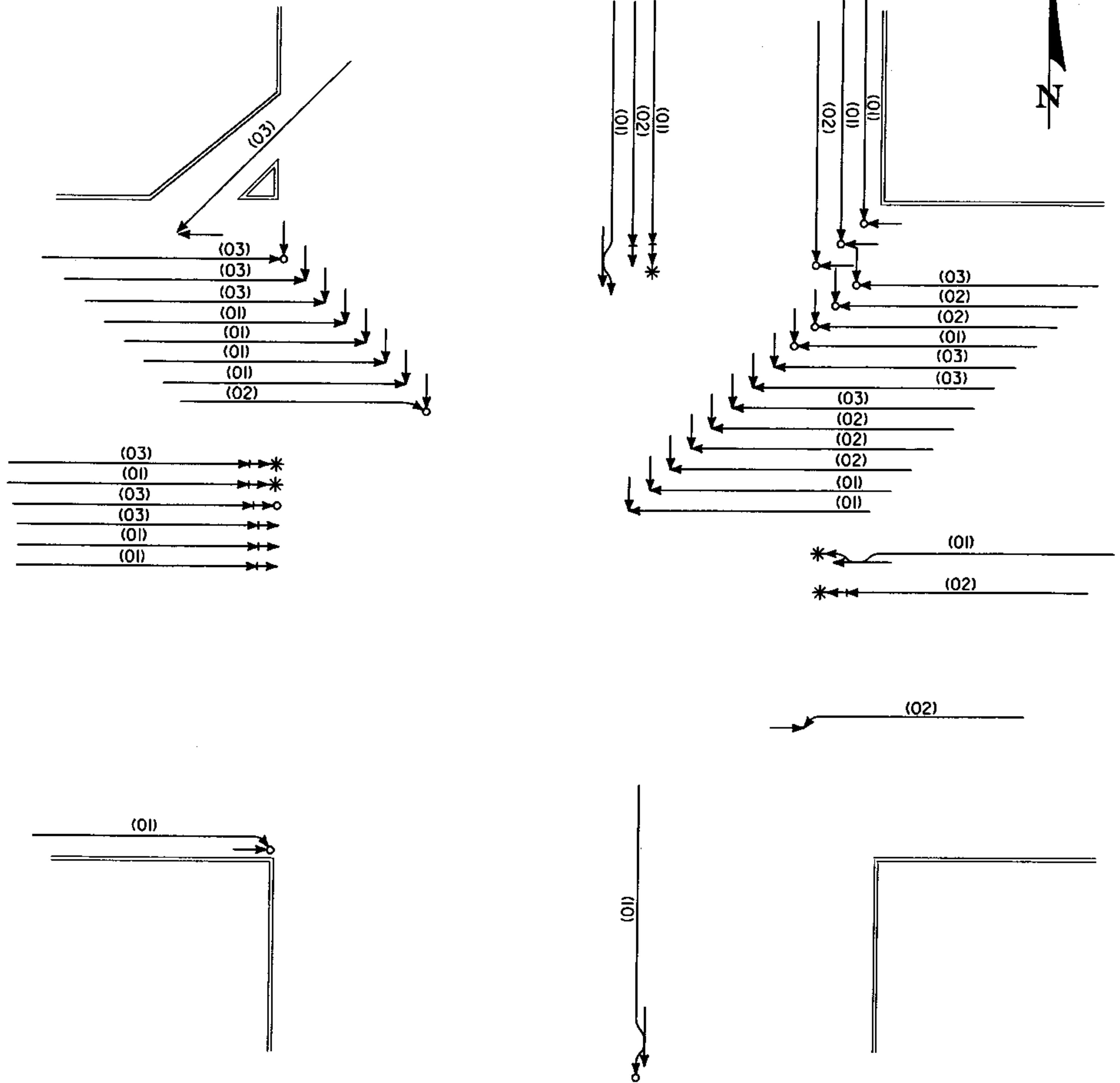
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LEGEND
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COLLISION DIAGRAM

SYMBOL/ABBREVIATION	DESCRIPTION
	INVOLVED VEHICLE AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
	VEHICLE BACKING AGAINST TRAFFIC FLOW
	NON-INVOLVED VEHICLE AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
	OVERTURNED VEHICLE AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
	OUT OF CONTROL VEHICLE AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
	PEDESTRIAN AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
	BICYCLE IN TRAFFIC FLOW AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
	PARKED VEHICLE
	FIXED OBJECT
	FATAL ACCIDENT
	INJURY ACCIDENT

COLLISION DIAGRAM
CITY OF LINCOLN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION



LOCATION: 9TH & VAN DORN

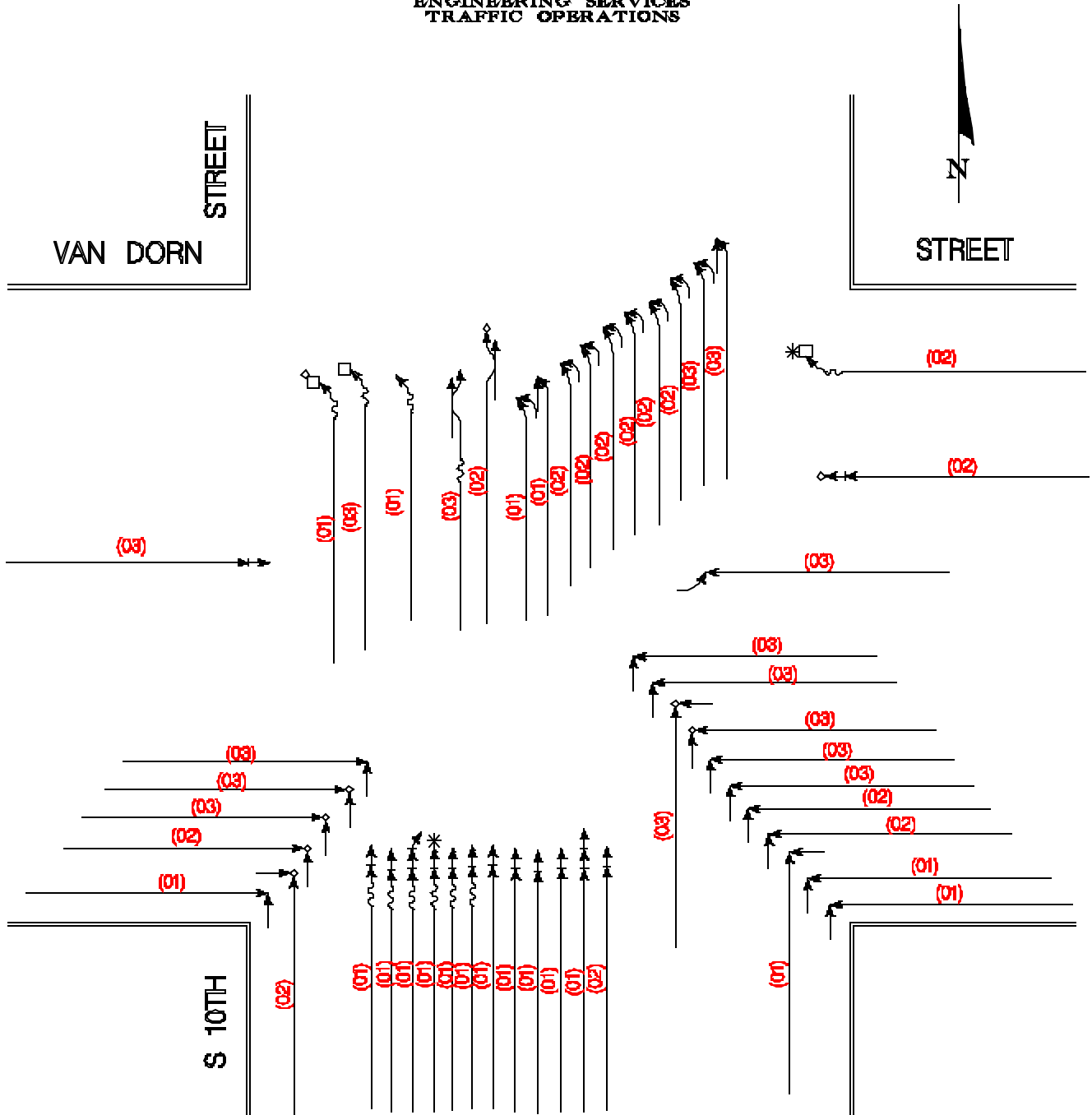
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TIME		RTANG	TURN	REND	PED	BIKE	SDSWP	FOBJ	OTHER	TOTAL
0630 - 0900	AM PEAK	2		1			1			4
0900 - 1200	AM NORM Δ	3	1	1						5
1200 - 1530	PM NORM ΔΔ	13	1	3			1			18
1530 - 1800	PM PEAK			1						1
1800 - 0630	NIGHT	8		1			1			10
TOTAL ACCIDENTS		26	2	7	0	0	3	0	0	38

Δ Includes Weekend 0630 - 1100

ΔΔ Includes Weekend 1100 - 1800

**COLLISION DIAGRAM
CITY OF LINCOLN
ENGINEERING SERVICES
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS**



LOCATION: 10TH & VAN DORN ST

DATE COVERED: 1-1-01 TO 12-31-03

TIME		RTANG	TURN	REND	PED	BIKE	SDSWP	FOBJ	OTHER	TOTAL
0630 - 0900	AM PEAK	2	1							3
0900 - 1200	AM NORM Δ	4	2	1			1	1	1	10
1200 - 1530	PM NORM $\Delta\Delta$	1	4	7				1		13
1530 - 1800	PM PEAK	4	3	5						12
1800 - 0630	NIGHT	6	1	1			1	1		10
TOTAL ACCIDENTS		17	11	14	0	0	2	3	1	48

Δ Includes Weekend 0630 - 1100

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**VAN DORN INTERSECTIONS WITH 9TH & 10TH STREETS
OPEN-HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 26, 2005 – VAN DORN PARK ENCLOSED SHELTER
COMMENT FORM**

After reviewing the display and speaking with project representatives, please take a few moments to fill out this form and return it to a project representative this evening or mail it back to the project team following the directions on the reverse side. You also may fax it to 441-6576, attention Kris Humphrey.

1. *Please provide any comments, concerns or questions you have about the project:*

2. *How did you hear about this meeting?*

Name _____

Representing (if applicable) _____

U.S. Mail Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Public Hearing:

F A C T S H E E T

TITLE: Intersection Safety Improvement
Project. 9th & 10th and Van Dorn Sts.
City Project #702186
State Project #STPP-5263(1), CN #12797

SPONSOR: Public Works and Utilities

OPPONENTS: Unknown

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:

City Parks Department; Nebraska Department
of Roads and Federal Hwy. Administration

APPLICANT: Public Works and Utilities

REASON FOR LEGISLATION: To provide authority for the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads so that Federal and State Funds can be obligated and used for the Design and Construction of the Safety Improvement Project at the intersection of 9th & 10th Streets at Van Dorn Street.

D I S C U S S I O N

The City of Lincoln in collaboration with the Nebraska Dept. of Roads (NDOR) proposes to design and construct intersection countermeasures to improve safety, mobility and security of our motoring public. These two intersections continue to be identified as high crash locations on the State's Highway System. The proposed improvements would separate the northbound to westbound left turns from the existing 10th Street through movements and place them as opposing left turns at the 9th Street intersection. This change in geometry and traffic signal control is expected to reduce the current northbound to westbound left turn and rear-end crashes at 10th Street and operational delay at 9th and 10th Streets. This change should also improve operational safety of the high semi-truck traffic using these intersections. To enhance pedestrian safety, a new five foot wide sidewalk is proposed along the north side of VanDorn St. from 9th St. west to the existing Van Dorn Park underpass. This will also provide continuous sidewalk from VanDorn Park east to 13th Street. The NDOR Safety Committee has approved the proposed concept of this project and the State has agreed to reimburse the City, using Federal Safety Funds, for 80% of the actual eligible cost up to a maximum of \$380,214. The local match of 20% will be shared equally. 10% or \$85,220 each by the Nebraska Department of Roads and the City of Lincoln. The anticipated construction of this project is fall 2006. Proposed intersection concept plan is attached.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: No

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: Estimated Engineering and Construction is \$550,654

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal Safety Funds - 80% of the eligible costs up to a maximum of \$380,214. State Funds - 10% of the eligible costs up to a maximum of \$85,220.

CITY: \$85,220 (SO) Street Construction funds.

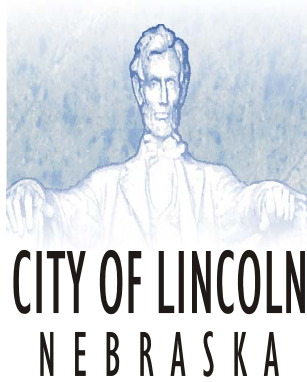
NON CITY: \$380,214 Federal funds plus \$85,220 State Funds

BENEFIT COST: NA

REVIEWED BY:

Director of Public Works & Utilities

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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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July 26, 2005

STORM SEWER PROJECT #701678 12TH STREET; CHARLESTON - COURT

The week of August 1, 2005, a private contractor, TJ Osborn Construction, will be starting construction of a new Storm Sewer for the Public Works and Utilities Engineering Services Division.

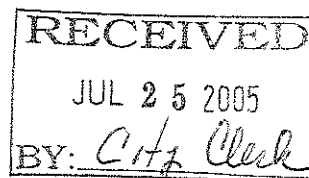
Limits of Construction: 12th Street; Charleston Street - Court Street and a portion of Charleston Street, New Hampshire Street and Court Street off 12th Street.

Construction Schedule: The project should be completed by the middle of September 2005. Access to driveways during construction will be limited.

If you have any problems or questions during this construction period, please contact Keith with TJ Osborn Construction at 432-0436 or Warren Wondercheck, the City of Lincoln Project Manager, at 441-7014.

Warren Wonderchck, Project Manager
Public Works and Utilities - Engineering Services
Phone: 402-441-7014 or 402-441-7711
Email: wwondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov

July 25, 2005



TO: Joan Ross, City Clerk

FROM: Cindy Swanson, Proprietor
Library Lounge

RE: Bill #05R-163

I attempted to e-mail this to you, but I keep receiving an error message from my computer and I do not believe it is getting through. Hence, this fax.

Please postpone the appeal to the City Council that I requested in regard to Special Permit #05032 which deals with obtaining permission to build an outdoor seating area at the Library Lounge on 70th & A Streets.

At this time I would request that the appeal be scheduled for the August 15th, 2005 City Council meeting.

Thank you for your assistance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia J. Swanson".

Cynthia "Cindy" J. Swanson

City Council RFI #4

After discussing this issue with Ron Wachter, VP of Facilities Development & Support Services at BryanLGH, we learned that in 1988, KinderCare signed a 25-year lease with Lincoln General Hospital. Two years ago, BryanLGH began discussion with KinderCare about ending their lease early. This was done in relation to the construction, to enhance the overall appearance of the West campus, and improve traffic flow. A local developer approached KinderCare about staying in the area, but at that time KinderCare did not consider that option. Bryan LGH and KinderCare reached an agreement in April, 2005 to end the lease on August 25, 2005. KinderCare chose the date of August 5, 2005 to close its facility.

There are two other daycare centers located within three blocks of KinderCare. The first is Kids Imagination Station, 1338 South Street and the other is the BryanLGH Child Development Center, which serves employees of the hospital. Urban Development has contracted with the Clark Enersen Partners to provide streetscape design between 8th & 18th Streets. This design is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Tammy J Grammer/Notes

06/28/05 02:02 PM

To Kristi K Nydahl/Notes@Notes, Marc
Wullschleger/Notes@Notes

cc campjon@aol.com, jcookcc@aol.com, robine@neb.rr.com,
amcroy@mccrealty.com, newman2003@neb.rr.com,
ksvoboda@alltel.net, dmarvin@neb.rr.com,

bcc

Subject CouncilRFI#4

To: Urban Development

Attached, please find Request For Information #4 from Council. Please respond to the attached letter. Follow up with Bryan/LGH West and Kindercare and follow up with letter to constituent (Kaye Finch) and Council.

If you will send your response to the Council Office at CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov, in a pdf format, we will distribute your response in the usual manner on the Directors' Agenda. The Subject line need only read CouncilRFI#4. Thank-you.



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Tammy Grammer
City Council Office



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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Kaye Finch
Address: 1510 Van Dorn
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: 402-476-2545
Fax:
Email: kfinch@neb.rr.com or kaye_finch@duncanaviation.com

Comment or Question:

I have some concerns with a couple of items that will affect the kids and parents of Lincoln. Kindercare at 17th and South has been told by Bryan/West that they will not renew their contract, therefore the building will be closed. This is putting many kids (115) as well as many wonderful teachers in a position that is not fair to anyone. Most of the kids at this Kindercare have been a student since 6 months old. Is there anything we can do to keep this from happening or extend the offer. How do you explain to a six year old (my daughter) that a business wants to close your "second" home? Also, I have heard many rumors that Irving pool could close within a couple of years as well as other pools in the city. How can we keep this from happening? I would love to help with both items anyway I can. All of the above are affecting the kids of Lincoln. I will be the voice for the kids. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you soon.
Kaye Finch



Kristi K Nydahl/Notes

07/28/05 10:36 AM

To kfinch@neb.rr.com, kaye_finch@duncanaviation.com

cc Ernesto Castillo/Notes@Notes

bcc CouncilPacket/Notes

Subject Kindercare Request for Information

Ms. Finch, attached is a response from the Urban Development Department regarding your email to the City Council about KinderCare. Ernesto Castillo, Jr. at Urban Development gathered the following information. Thank you.



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Kristi Nydahl
Administrative Secretary
City of Lincoln, Urban Development Department
(402) 441-8206 phone
(402) 441-8711 fax



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Tammy Grammer
City Council Office

Memorandum



To: Patte Newman
CC: City Council, Mayor Seng
From: Chief Tom Casady
Date: 7-25-2005
Re: PNewman RFI #36

As you requested, here is the listing of traffic collisions at 44th and Cleveland for the past 13 years. Based on my experience, this is a little high for a residential intersection. Looking at the intersections in the neighborhood, 44th Street stands out—the number of accidents at Baldwin, Madison, and Cleveland is quite a bit higher than on the other north/south streets. This is probably due to the fact that 44th Street is the main way to cut through University Place between the arterials of Huntington, Adams, Cornhusker, 48th and 33rd.

Accident listing for N 44 at CLEVELAND

Case#	Time	Date	Officer	Type of acc	Vehicles
A5-073529	1721	07-06-2005	1256 RIPLEY	INJURY	CAR/TRUCK /OBJ
A2-098017	0745	08-26-2002	317 BRATT	INJURY	CAR/CAR
A1-133877	1506	11-20-2001	1187 CHAMPOUX	PR.DAM.	CAR/CAR
A1-028677	1430	03-21-2001	148 CAMPBELL	INJURY	TRUCK/TRUCK/CAR
A1-009367	1620	01-28-2001	1285 STEELE	PR.DAM.	CAR/CAR
A0-009639	1435	01-29-2000	783 HINTON	NOT REPORTABLE	TRUCK/CAR
98-113695	0808	10-16-1998	333 SIMS	PR.DAM.	TRUCK/TRUCK
97-091993	1636	08-19-1997	957 BRANDL	PR.DAM.	CAR/TRUCK
95-124609	1510	11-15-1995	958 JOHNSON	NOT REPORTABLE	TRUCK/CAR
95-010806	1239	02-02-1995	843 FOSLER	PR.DAM.	CAR/CAR
94-001048	1541	01-04-1994	452 VARGA JR.	INJURY	CAR/CAR
93-110884	1712	11-12-1993	801 FEHRINGER	PR.DAM.	CAR/TRUCK /OBJ
93-107182	1401	11-01-1993	204 SCHAULIS	PR.DAM.	CAR/CAR
93-035987	1110	04-24-1993	337 STANDLEY	PR.DAM.	CAR/CAR
93-024300	0857	03-19-1993	742 JACKSON	PR.DAM.	CAR/CAR
92-100716	1708	10-08-1992	692 BEAM	INJURY	CAR/CAR

FROM: Patte Newman RFI#36

DATE: July 25, 2005

TO: Karl Fredrickson, Public Works & Utilities Director
Police Chief Tom Casady

Could you please provide the crash data for the intersection of 44th and Cleveland? Has this intersection ever been reviewed for a possible stop sign?

A constituent called and said they have been concerned for years about number of crashes at this location. When they called Public Works a year or so ago they were told it doesn't meet warrants for any signage.

The constituent who called has seen three crashes at this intersection in an unnamed time frame and neighbors say there are many more. The most recent serious crash was July 6 with two cars towed away, both drivers listed as injured and damage listed to the front porch, downspout and trees and bushes of one of the houses on the corner.

On the accident report, there is a box asking if this location should have an engineering study. This was ticked "no" by the police who investigated the crash.

The neighbors apparently disagree.

Could we please get crash rate numbers at this intersection and could you please let us know what it takes to get a stop sign?

Could we also get a list of these warrants so when Council members get these types of phone calls we can give more specific information?

I'm assuming the general guidelines for what can be done to sign intersections are based on federal standards, but it has been mentioned repeatedly that Omaha has very few un-marked residential intersections while we have very few that do have yield or stop signs. Can someone explain why there is such a difference between Lincoln and Omaha on this issue?

Thank you.

Patte



Dave Heineman
Governor

STATE OF NEBRASKA

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July 20, 2005

Mary Roseberry-Brown
President, Friends of Wilderness Park
1423 F Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Lincoln South Beltway West Segment

Dear Mary,

Thank you for your letter of June 16, 2005. We are presently reviewing your comments and concerns and a detailed response addressing them will be forthcoming soon.

As you requested when Lou Lenzen and myself met with your organization on June 13th, we have provided you with a copy of the "Hydrology and Hydraulics Report for the Salt Creek Flood Plain". Currently I am having a copy of the "Environmental Impact Statement" for the South Beltway made and should have that to you shortly.

We appreciate concerned citizens taking the time to share their valuable comments and concerns as we proceed through the design process. We will continue to work with the community in any way possible as we progress with design.

If you have any further questions, you may reach me at (402)479-3893.

Sincerely,

Toby D. Fierstein, P.E.
Project Engineer
Roadway Design Division

cc: Frank Albrecht, Devin Biesecker, Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Terry Genrich, Lynn Johnson, Lincoln City Council Members, Lancaster County Commissioners, Mayor Coleen Seng, Lower Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors, State Highway Commissioners, Federal Highway Administration, Rich Ruby, File

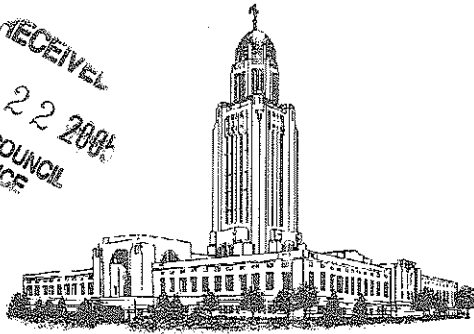
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July 21, 2005

Lincoln City Council
555 S 10th Street, Room 111
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council:

In recognition of the potential of the Interstate 80 Corridor, this year I introduced and the Legislature passed LB 546, a bill which established the Nebraska Opportunity Zone Act and authorizes the Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission. During previous years the business communities of both Lincoln and Omaha have worked in tandem to create an environment fertile for the recruitment of companies to our state and the further growth of Nebraska companies. Furthermore, they have coupled these efforts with aggressive legislative agendas that have resulted in new laws that have enhanced statewide economic development. LB 546 is a key part of this development and will serve to benefit the citizens of all of Nebraska.

The intent of the Opportunity Zone Act is to encourage a similar coordination in the public sector by establishing a template for multi-county commissions to coordinate among governmental, business and educational institutions. LB 546 also specifically establishes the Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission, which will be comprised of individuals drawn from Douglas, Sarpy, Lancaster, Cass, Saunders & Washington counties. The goal of this commission is to promote quality development that is appropriate to the region, creates, high-paying jobs, links job creation to higher education and is aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sensitive.

In the forthcoming weeks you should be contacted by the Department of Economic Development regarding this commission since your municipality/ entity is entitled to representation on the commission. It is the goal to bring together the members of this body by September of this year. Also, this fall there will be a follow-up to last year's Governor's Summit on the Omaha-Lincoln Corridor to which you will all be invited.

As you well know, we stand on the brink of a surge of economic activity in our region. Thank you for all that you are contributing to these developments. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Brown".

Senator Pam Brown

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General Council

Name: Sandra K. Ellenwood
Address: 2525 Rathbone Road
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone:
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Comment or Question:
Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to you today to beg you to reconsider your decision to drop funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band concerts in the park.

Three generations of my family and the same for my husband, Bob, have attended these concerts. They have been a part of this city's tradition for 100 years. Our son Christian, when he was home from Eastman School of Music over summer break, used to play every concert with them for several summers, what a wonderful training ground for him. He is now a professor of clarinet at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater and a performer with the Madison Symphony, Milwaukee Opera, etc. I am not writing to "toot" his horn, pun intended, but to show that the LMB gives young folks it's attention and training too.

We all love looking forward to hearing the wonderful programs that are chosen and played so beautifully. You should just watch the crowds that come to each concert, you would see families that consist of babies all the way up to great grand parents and the family pets too! We have walked to the park from our home, but folks drive in from all over.

Please, fund the band and make thousands of your constituents very happy.

Sincerely,
Sandi and Bob Ellenwood



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07/21/2005 05:13 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject Walmart Saga

Dear City Council Members and Mayor Seng:

My family and I live near the 81st and Holdrege area. We have been reading with interest the articles concerning the Walmart saga. We are ANXIOUSLY awaiting the retail developement in this part of town as well as the Walmart that should have been built at 84th and Adams.

Currently we drive to southwest OMAHA to shop there because (you can believe this) it is closer--timewise--and easier to get to than the other two Walmarts in Lincoln. However, the reason we shop walmart is primarily price. Both my wife and I are state employees. We are that 35ish percent of Lincoln's current state work force. We will shop wear it is affordable for us. We will not shop Hyvee at 70th and 'O' or Russ's at 66th because they are very expensive, congested and difficult to get to. Super Saver has said the land is too expensive out here for them to build a store.

I am disgusted with Patty Newmans comments about locating a Walmart in Northwest Lincoln. Are we forgetting, Miss Newman, whom you represent?and Jon Carlson's comments roughly paraphrased in the Saturday paper that we need a hardware and a grocery store. Apparently he does not know and has never been in a Walmart. The Comprehensive plan (Lincoln's Holy Grail) is a complete joke. It is disturbing that the Planning Commissioners are unelected and have entirely too much power. Both Miss Newman and Mr. Carlson haven't a clue!!!

Walmart wants this location and it should be given to them. They will bring in the other retail that you want such as the SuperSavers, Bag n Saves or Hyvees and a hardware store (I personally would love to see Lowes). Without Walmart, the city of Lincoln (and my family) will not get "your" retail in this section of town.

So, it is up to you Lincoln City Council and Mayor Seng. Do you want the sales tax to stay in Lincoln or would you rather continue your idiotic utopian ideas, bury your head and watch \$2 million in potential retail (plus huge property tax revenues) to evaporate before your eyes. Get with the picture and start serving the people who elected you.

PS: We are anxiously waiting for the new 300+ acre retail developement near Gretna. We know that one will be built and will be 10 minutes closer.

Sincerely yours
Dave and Mary Brady
7912 Yellow Knife Drive
Lincoln, NE 68505
466-1534
mdbrady@inebraska.com



Joan V Ray/Notes
07/25/2005 09:12 AM

To "Janet Greser" <jgreser@nlc.state.ne.us>
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Subject Re: Funds for the free concerts at Antelope Park 📎

Dear Ms. Greser: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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Subject Funds for the free concerts at Antelope Park


Please vote to keep the funding for the Antelope Park Free Concerts. I've been going for years and have been taking my kids and other relatives. For someone on a budget it's a great price.

thanks,

Janet Greser



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Subject Re: water/sewer rate hikes 

Dear Ms. Dolzier: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
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Subject water/sewer rate hikes

City Council Members,

I am really opposed to the idea of increasing the water and sewer rates AGAIN. I think the people of Lincoln have had enough tax rate increases in the last few years as well as the last few months. The message being sent to the public is not a good one: Can the council and the mayor balance our city budget and continue running our public utilities without raising the rates every year? It looks to me and many others that the answer is "No.".

The majority of your constituents do not receive 9% or 7% pay raises on a yearly basis. If the city is growing as the council and mayor say, then the tax base should be growing as well and able to keep up with increased services. You soon will be forcing more people out of the city limits and as you can already see, it is happening. Please take a stand and control the city budget/salaries and stop this incessant taxation. Thank-you.

Jodi Delozier
Lincoln



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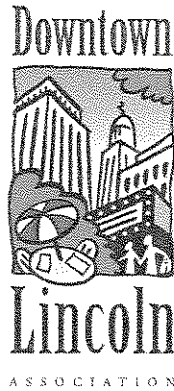
As a Highlands resident, I'm concerned the water pressure provided to the Highlands neighborhood is less than adequate.

Currently I'm not confident in the city's ability to provide enough water pressure to my home and neighborhood. Water pressure performance is seriously degraded if there are multiple faucets/fixtures being used at once. I'm of the belief I should be able to have just two fixtures running at the same time and not see a decline in water pressure, but that is not the case in the Highlands. There are often times when I'm unable to use certain sprinklers in various locations around my property because my home is not provided with enough water pressure. This makes me leery of going to the expense of putting in underground sprinklers because I don't think I'm being provided with enough pressure to make them function properly.

This issue was brought to the city's attention last year during the approval process of the NW13th and Fletcher townhouse project. One of the major concerns of this project was the amount of additional stress these approximately 100 residences would put on an already poor performing system. It is my understanding there is a Belmont pumping station that supplies the water to the Highlands area, yet there is a closer pumping station that could certainly provide better quality water pressure in the Fallbrook development.

Has any progress or plans been made to fix this problem? As a concerned citizen I would appreciate any additional information on this matter.

Thanks for you time and consideration.



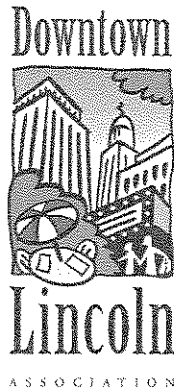
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To: Mayor Coleen Seng
Lincoln City Council
Karl Fredrickson-Director, Public Works and Utilities

From: Michelle Waite-Chair, Downtown Lincoln Association
Polly McMullen-President, Downtown Lincoln Association

Subject: Proposed Parking Rate Increases in 2005-06 City Budget

Attached please find DLA's Position Statement on the proposed parking rate increase. This statement was adopted by unanimous vote of our Board of Directors on July 26.



**DLA Position Statement
Proposed Parking Rate Increase
July 26, 2005**

The Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) expresses our strong concern about the hourly and monthly parking rate increases for city garages and lots in the city's proposed 2005-06 budget.

In 2004, Public Works Director Allan Abbott partnered with DLA to conduct a comprehensive assessment of Lincoln's parking system, at a total cost of \$54,000. The study was carried out by Carl Walker, Inc., a nationally recognized parking firm, utilizing their parking assessment methodology entitled "Twenty Characteristics of Effective Parking Systems". The Carl Walker team included Dave Feehan, President and CEO of the International Downtown Association (IDA) and four top parking managers from exemplary parking programs from across the country.

The team's final report, released in November, 2004, identified a number of strengths in Lincoln's parking system and also some significant concerns. The major concerns include the current fragmentation of parking functions among multiple city departments, department divisions and community entities as well as a serious disconnect between the city's parking functions and community economic development and tourism promotion goals and priorities.

To address these concerns, the Carl Walker/IDA study recommended changing to a new parking management model which would integrate on street, off street, enforcement, marketing and planning parking functions into a single organization headed by an experienced, capable executive director.

While rate adjustments to increase occupancy at underutilized garages and to free up monthly parking at garages with long waiting lists were discussed during the Carl Walker study, these changes should only be considered within the context of a new

organizational approach to parking management. The new organizational model and more integrated system provides an appropriate vehicle for making decisions on the many pieces of the parking system, including rate adjustments, rather than approaching these decisions in a piecemeal manner.

We believe the proposed increases, if adopted without addressing the structural policy and leadership changes proposed in the Carl Walker study, will further erode downtown's competitive position in marketing office, commercial and residential space as well as our ability to attract visitors/customers to downtown businesses and entertainment venues.

With the first Downtown Master Plan in over 30 years now being finalized for public hearing before the Planning Commission and City Council, parking and transit will play an increasingly important role in downtown as well as in Antelope Valley and in potential West Haymarket projects. It is time for a more proactive, customer-oriented, entrepreneurial approach to parking management and transportation.

DLA calls upon the Mayor and City Council to prioritize the implementation of the Carl Walker Study as the overall framework for making parking-related decisions.



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Comment or Question:

After making several trips outside of Lincoln this summer, I feel prompted to write to you and let you know how much I appreciate the smoking ban that we have in effect in Lincoln.

I had nearly forgotten what it was like to eat in a "non smoking" section yet still have to breathe and cough from the shared smoke.

Thank you for keeping our air clean.

Sincerely,

Brenda Potratz



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Comment or Question:

Please look into the construction of a side walk on city property along NW 1st street south of Fire Station 14. Again this is city property. Now that West Fletcher Street is connected from NW 12th over to NW 27th the traffic is even heavier.

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July 27, 2005

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Councilwoman Patte Newman, Vice-Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Patte,
Dear Councilwoman Newman:

I am writing to urge your support for the proposed water and waste water rate increases being proposed by the city.

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce supports the city's proposed rates as reasonable revenue adjustments needed to help maintain and expand water and waste water infrastructure. These rate schedules are viewed more reasonably when looking over a long term that includes periods when rates have been held flat. Even with the proposed increase, the water and waste water bill for an average residential user would bump up by \$2.15 per month.

Certainly nobody celebrates rising costs for anything, but the Chamber believes the City of Lincoln has made a reasonable and prudent calculation for rate adjustments that are needed to maintain and expand our vital community water and waste water systems. We urge your support.

Sincerely,

Bruce J. Bohrer
Senior Vice President

Cc:

Mayor Coleen Seng
Karl Fredrickson, Director of Public Works and Utilities
Steve Masters, Public Utilities Administrator

**ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005**

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of July 30 through August 5, 2005-Schedule subject to change -(See Advisory)

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

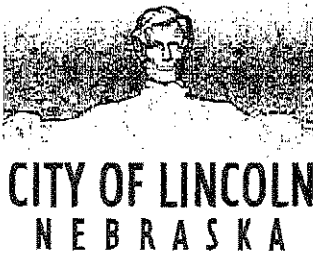
A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

HEALTH

1. Physician Advisory from Bruce Dart - RE: West Nile Virus & Bordetella Pertussis Update - (See Advisory)

C. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE



NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

lincoln.ne.gov

Date: July 29, 2005

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule
Week of July 30 through August 5, 2005
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, July 30

- Blue Ribbon Roll Out - 6:30 p.m., State Fairgrounds, Ag Hall

Monday, August 1

- City-County Common meeting - 8:30 a.m., County-City Building, Room 113, 555 South 10th Street

Tuesday, August 2

- National Night Out event for Clinton neighborhood - 6:30 p.m., 2845 Starr
- Public meeting on stormwater systems - 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 2723 North 50th Street

Wednesday, August 3

- Lancaster County Fair VIP luncheon - noon, Lancaster Event Center, 4100 North 84th Street

July 29, 2005

To: All Physicians, Administrators and Laboratory Personnel

From: Bruce Dart, MS, Health Director

Subject: Physician Advisory

West Nile Virus

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has received a report of a strong probable case of West Nile Virus (WNV) infection. CDC confirmation should be available in about a week. The reported 55 year old adult had a serum IgM of 4.9 (range: 1.10 - 15.00) and a equivocal IgG of 1.3. The CSF was positive for IgM at 5.8. The individual was admitted with suspected aseptic meningitis and has since been discharged home. Follow-up investigation identified no travel history outside Lancaster County, no known mosquito bites.

There have been no other individual cases reported in Nebraska at this time. The state reports four WNV positive mosquito pools in the state, none in Lancaster County. No positive dead birds have been identified in Nebraska at this time. At present, WNV activity in Nebraska is low. However, peak activity for WNV is usually late August and early September.

Most persons who become infected with West Nile virus (WNV) develop no clinical illness or symptoms. In previous outbreaks in the Northern Hemisphere, an estimated 80% of people who became infected with WNV never developed symptoms attributable to the infection.

Of the approximately 20% of infected people who do develop symptoms, most develop what has been termed West Nile fever. The incubation period for WNV infection is thought to range from about 2 to 14 days, although longer incubation periods have been documented in immunosuppressed persons.

Clinical Features of West Nile Fever

- Fever
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Skin rash on the trunk of the body (occasionally)
- Swollen lymph glands (occasionally)
- Eye pain (occasionally)

Severe Disease: West Nile Meningitis, West Nile Encephalitis, and West Nile Poliomyelitis

When the central nervous system (CNS) is affected, clinical syndromes ranging from febrile headache to aseptic meningitis to encephalitis may occur, and these are usually indistinguishable from similar syndromes caused by other viruses.

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About 60% to 75% of people with neuroinvasive WNV infection reportedly have encephalitis or meningoencephalitis, which is characterized by altered mental status or focal neurologic findings. About 25% to 35% of people with neuroinvasive WNV infection reportedly have meningitis without evidence of encephalitis.

Headache can be a prominent feature of WNV fever, meningitis, or encephalitis and is not a useful indicator of neuroinvasive disease.

West Nile meningitis usually involves fever, headache, and stiff neck. Pleocytosis is present. Changes in consciousness are not usually seen and are mild when present.

West Nile encephalitis, the most severe form of neuroinvasive West Nile viral disease, involves fever and headache, but there are more global symptoms. There is usually an alteration of consciousness, which may be mild and result in lethargy but may progress to confusion or coma. Focal neurologic deficits, including limb paralysis and cranial nerve palsies, may be observed. Tremors and movement disorders also have been noted.

West Nile poliomyelitis, a flaccid paralysis syndrome associated with WNV infection, is less common than meningitis or encephalitis. This syndrome is generally characterized by the acute onset of asymmetric limb weakness or paralysis in the absence of sensory loss. Pain sometimes precedes the paralysis. The paralysis can occur in the absence of fever, headache, or other common symptoms associated with WNV infection. Involvement of respiratory muscles, leading to acute respiratory failure, can sometimes occur.

Clinical Features of Severe Disease

- Fever
- Gastrointestinal symptoms
- Ataxia and extrapyramidal signs
- Optic neuritis
- Seizures
- Weakness
- Change in mental status
- Myelitis
- Polyradiculitis
- A minority of patients with severe disease develop a maculopapular or morbilliform rash involving the neck, trunk, arms, or legs.
- Flaccid paralysis is sometimes seen.
- Although not observed in recent outbreaks, myocarditis, pancreatitis, and fulminant hepatitis have been described.

The recommended test to diagnose WNV infection is the "IgM capture ELISA" performed on either CSF or serum. IgM antibody is usually present in patients around the time of onset of symptoms. If the initial test is negative, clinicians should consider a "convalescent" IgM capture ELISA test, collected at least 14 days following the onset of symptoms. While seroconversion is the most reliable indication of acute WNV infection, patients whose "acute" titer is positive, and who fit the clinical profile meet our epidemiologic case definition of a "suspect" case.

The CDC will perform confirmatory testing on a sample of Nebraska specimens to confirm the results of Nebraska Public Health Lab testing. This confirmatory testing is necessary to differentiate WNV infection from that caused by related arboviruses (e.g., St. Louis Encephalitis virus).

Bordetella Pertussis Update

A total of 69 cases of pertussis with an onset date in 2005 have been identified in Lancaster County. There were 22 cases identified in 2004 in Lancaster County. The current pertussis outbreak in Lancaster County has yielded 91 cases since it began in August of 2004. As a comparison, in both 2003 and 2002 we had 1 reported case of pertussis each of those years. We had no cases reports in 2001.

Cases by age range & confirmed case type (2004-2005)

	Lab case	Epi case	% cases
< 6 months	7	1	8.8
6months- < 1yr	1		1.1
1 - 2 years	2	2	4.4
3 - 5 years	3	3	6.6
6 - 10 years	4	4	8.8
11 - 19 years	14	19	36.3
20 - 29 years	2	8	11.0
30 - 39 years	2	3	5.5
40 - 49 years	9	2	12.1
50 +	2	3	5.5
totals	46	45	100.0

Please continue to maintain a high index of suspicion for pertussis in patients presenting with an acute illness characterized by a prolonged cough. Pertussis is highly communicable in the early catarrhal stage and at the beginning of the paroxysmal cough stage (first 2 weeks). Thereafter, communicability gradually decreases and becomes negligible in about three weeks, despite persisting spasmodic cough with whoop. When treated the patient is no longer contagious after the fifth day following initiation of treatment with an appropriate antibiotic.

The two recommended diagnostic tests for *Bordetella pertussis* infection are PCR and culture. Serology is NOT recommended as a diagnostic test for *Bordetella pertussis*.

Prompt diagnosis of *Bordetella pertussis* infections is crucial. It will ensure that the appropriate disease control measures and necessary antibiotic prophylaxis of contacts can be accomplished quickly.

All household contacts of a pertussis case should be treated regardless of immunization status or age. Chemoprophylaxis should be considered for adults who have close or extensive contact. Other contacts outside the home that are symptomatic should be evaluated and treated as necessary. Asymptomatic contacts outside the home need not be treated.

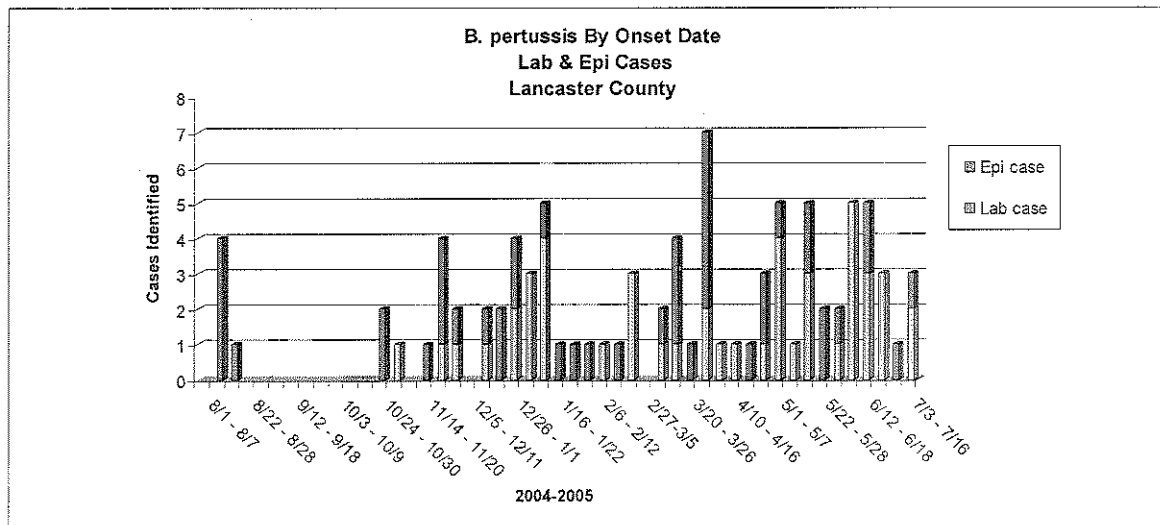
Erythromycin estolate (40-50 mg/kg per day orally in four divided doses; maximum, 2 g/day) for 14 days is the drug of choice. Erythromycin resistance has been rarely reported. Azithromycin or Clarithromycin is as effective as Erythromycin and has fewer adverse effects and better compliance.

Azithromycin (10-12 mg/kg on day 1, orally, than 5 mg/kg per day orally for days 2-5; maximum 600 mg/day)

Clarithromycin (15-20 mg/kg per day orally in two divided doses; maximum, 1 g/day for 7 days)

Bordetella pertussis infections should be reported to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8053 (Monday–Friday 8:00–4:30) or after hour and weekends call 441-8000 and ask for the Communicable Disease program.

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Physician Advisory Available By E-Mail

Physicians, Advance Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Health-Care and Laboratory Administrators can receive periodic physician advisories by e-mail. Send an e-mail to ttimmons@ci.lincoln.ne.us with your name, type of practitioner (MD, ARNP, PA-C, Administrator, etc.) and location of practice.

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